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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PAUL T. CLEGG et al.)
TITLE: SWITCH MATRIX)
SERIAL NO.: 10/726,862) RESPONSE A
FILED: December 2, 2003) WITH AMENDMENT
EXAMINER: M. Friedhofer)
ART UNIT: 2832)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2004, applicant requests entry of this Response A With Amendment and reconsideration of the above-captioned application. This response addresses every ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

A shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time and check

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on the 29 day of September, 2004.

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no. 8006 in amount of \$475.00 to cover the corresponding fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

The total number of independent and dependent claims under examination has not increased and therefore no additional fee in this regard is required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.